



**MINUTES OF
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF June 14, 2007**

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DATE: Thursday, June 14, 2007
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Terri Ogden, Vice Chair Jo Kahuanui, Commissioners Michael Cooper, Jay Ingram, Bruce Reeves, and Joe Restagno

Absent: Commissioners Christine Johnson

Staff: Dale Lillard, Director
Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 8, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C REEVES/RESTAGNO (approved)

“That the Minutes of March 8, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission are approved.”

Approved (4): Ogden, Kahuanui, Reeves, Restagno
Absent (1): Johnson
Abstention (2): Cooper, Ingram

Minutes of May 10, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C REEVES/KAHUANUI (approved)

“That the Minutes of May 10, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission are approved.”

Approved (5): Ogden, Kahuanui, Cooper, Reeves, Restagno
Absent (1): Johnson
Abstention (1): Ingram

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

Commissioner Ingram asked for the status of the Alameda Beltline. Director Lillard stated that the RFP's were distributed and they have been returned. There is a meeting on Tuesday, June 19, to review the RFP's that were submitted and to select a consultant who will then help us develop the Task Force that will do the Master Plan. It is anticipated that the Task Force will consist of approximately 9-11 members.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Endorse the Draft Transportation Element for General Plan Amendment CEQA Review – *(Discussion/Action Item)*

Obaid Khan, Public Works Supervising Civil Engineer, presented the Recreation and Park Commission with a Draft Transportation Element for the General Plan Amendment CEQA Review.

The Transportation Commission (TC) has recommended a set draft of policies with the intent of them being incorporated into an update of the General Plan. The presentation included:

- Draft Multimodal Circulation Plan goals and policies and Street Functional Classification System.
- Draft Pedestrian Plan Policies
- Draft Policies regarding the review of Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs)
- Draft Street Functional Classification System
- Draft TSM/TDM Policies

The Recreation and Park Commission already reviewed the draft Multimodal Circulation Plan goals and policies in 2005.

Commissioner Restagno asked how Alameda ranks in general with regard to their Transportation and what other cities are being looked at to do a good job. Mr. Kahn stated that the other cities that were looked at were Santa Cruz and Palo Alto. Other cities were contacted and asked what they learned and what their experience was. Most cities stated that it was a good idea to create good design guidelines.

Commissioner Cooper asked if there was funding to do some of the projects. Mr. Kahn stated most of the funding will be accomplished by prioritizing them as CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) ranking.

Commissioner Ingram asked if plans included Bay Farm and Alameda Point. Mr. Kahn stated yes.

Chair Ogden asked if the plan only dealt with streets and not water taxi's, etc. Mr. Kahn stated it does not really deal with water taxi's, etc.

Chair Ogden stated that one of the concerns she has is the taking of property spaces and removing a lot of trees to make the bus stops.

“That the Draft Transportation Element for General Plan Amendment CEQA be approved.”

Approved (6): Ogden, Kahuanui, Cooper, Ingram, Reeves, Restagno
Absent (1): Johnson

B. Discussion of Middle School Sports Programs – (*Discussion Item*)

Director Lillard stated that the Alameda Unified School District has approached the Alameda Recreation and Park Department to take over the Middle School Sports Programs. The Middle School Sports Programs are one of the District’s budget cuts.

A meeting was held with City and District representatives and they are currently in the process of developing a proposal. The Recreation and Park Department could take over the programs but the main difference would be that programs will be fee based. This would be the only way that the Recreation and Park Department could offer the program due to the unavailability of General Funds.

Another meeting will be held at the end of June to discuss the proposal.

Chair Ogden asked who would oversee staff. Director Lillard stated that it would be the Alameda Recreation & Park Department’s (ARPD) program and we would oversee staff. If the coaches that are in place now continue, they would become ARPD employees. The program will be fee based and cost recovering.

Commissioner Restagno asked what sports would be offered. Director Lillard stated that boys and girls basketball, volley ball, and track would be offered.

Commissioner Ingram asked how many youth are anticipated to participate. RS Russi stated that currently the District has tryouts for their sports teams. For example, they have 60 youth who tryout and they pick 15 youth to be on a team. It is ARPD’s philosophy that all youth should be able to participate and that will be something that will need to be determined in initial meetings.

An update will be provided as talks progress.

C. Discussion of Installation of Bayport Recreation Building – (*Discussion Item*)

Director Lillard stated that a bid has been received for a basic recreation building at Bayport Park. Staff will be meeting with the contractor to come up with a design. We will try to match the school and the houses. When we have a design it will come back before the Recreation & Park Commission for approval. The building will be similar to the new Washington Park building. It will be approximately 1,700 square feet.

When a design and price is determined it will go to Council for approval to be awarded.

D. Overview of 2007 Summer Programs – (*Discussion Item*)

RS Russi provided brief overview/highlights of this summer’s programs.

Some Programs/Special Events highlighted were:

- Starlight Movie Nights - July 20 & Friday, August 17 at Alameda Point Multi-Purpose Field
- 53rd Annual City of Alameda Swim Meet – August 17-19 at Emma Hood Swim Center
- Jumpin' & Jivin' July 4th Jubilee – July 4 at Rittler Park
- 26th Annual Alameda Run for the Parks – August 5 at Alameda Towne Center

Registrations are going well. Summer employee trainings begin the week of June 18. Most programs begin Monday, June 25, 2007.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Ogden asked about the scoreboard at Lincoln Park. Director Lillard stated that the scoreboard was installed and was used for the North Coast Game.

Chair Ogden asked about status of the Girls Softball storage unit at Krusi Park. Director Lillard stated that Girls Softball has not submitted the required documents and are working on the project.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See June 11, 2007 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See June 11, 2007 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See June 11, 2007 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

Director Lillard stated that the Godfrey Park Field Renovation should begin by the end of June. Commissioner Restagno asked when the Rittler Field Renovation will begin. Director Lillard stated that Rittler will be done after the Godfrey Park Field Renovation is completed. It is anticipated that Rittler will begin in the late fall 2007.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Commissioner Ogden raised concerns about some parks, playgrounds, facilities, and staff. Director Lillard stated that he would take care of her concerns.

Commission Ogden also state that summer staff should be provided hats while working. RS Russi stated that staff are provided hats.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Possibly put on July's Agenda Veteran's Bldg Status. Director Lillard will check with Mr. Rudder to see if he is ready to provide information.

10. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING July 12, 2007

11. ADJOURNMENT